

Community Assistance Network  
**EAST VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE**  
*Children, Families, & Futures*

MINUTES

February 10, 2004  
Valley Star Children & Family Services  
1585 S. D Street, San Bernardino

**In Attendance:**

Susan Melanson	Children's Network	<a href="mailto:smelanson@hss.sbcounty.gov">smelanson@hss.sbcounty.gov</a>	909-387-5394
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Attendance sheet was  
mistaken taken – so  
no record.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Everyone was welcomed and self-introductions were made.

**2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda**

Agenda was approved as presented.

**3. Approval of January Minutes**

The minutes will stand as approved.

**4. Guest Speaker: Linda Angona, First 5 San Bernardino – Strategic Plan**

Please see power point handouts for information.  
There were no comments or questions.

**5. Guest Speaker: Susan Melanson, Children's Network – Annual Report**

- Susan gave an overview of the Children's Network Annual Report
- She offered copies to anyone interested via mail or the Children's Network website.

**6. Roundtable Discussion / Networking**

- Mary Jaquish mentioned two websites to visit for grant opportunities
  - [www.goldmine.cde.com](http://www.goldmine.cde.com)
  - [www.ede.gov](http://www.ede.gov)
- Mary also gave an overview of the Faith and Justice Summit
- Mary reported RFP's (Request for Proposals) for primary prevention services and more are available on the county web site under RFP's. Some mentioned are; ECD (Economic Community Development), and WIA (Workforce Investment Act)

- Susan mentioned she had tickets for sale for the awards breakfast on March 31<sup>st</sup> to be held at the Ontario Double Tree
- Susan announced the Children's Fund duck race is to be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Pharaoh's Lost Kingdom from 10-2
- Natalie Davis mentioned an RFP (Request for Proposals) is available for mental health, homeless and substance abuse
- April Oliveros from National Safe Place gave an overview of services
  - Only shelter for youth in San Bernardino
  - They have 6 beds
  - They offer temporary shelter (2-3 days)
  - Counseling
  - Blanket
  - Clothing
  - School
- Linda Porras mentioned that Diane Peace may have provided information on Reproductive Health Services (formerly Family Planning) and she mentioned some key points
- The Department of Public Health Reproductive Health has clinics offering:
  - Reproductive exams
  - HIV exams and referrals
  - Educational programs in the community
  - Children sexuality education
  - Training for parents
- Jennie Mason from Kinship Family Center mention their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference will be in early June.
- Melissa German from Public Health gave an overview of their community assessment
- She also has a resource guide available, call for a copy: (909) 387-6653
- Jeanne Smith mentioned the Family Resource Center offering counseling for child abuse, domestic violence and physical abuse.
- They will start their campaign in March – no child turned away – materials will be available in the future.
- Sherrie Edwards reported they offer 5 parenting classes now and also have 4 family resource centers
- She also mentioned that brochures were available in the back of the room
- Adrian from Mary's Mercy Center reported they now have 12 rooms, housing 15-25 children at a time
- They are located at 1476 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street in San Bernardino
- Ron Hernandez mentioned they serve foster care and adults ages 17 ½ to 21
- Ron stated they are looking for mentors for after foster care
- Ron made flyers available to the group
- Veatrice Jews shared with the group that IECAAC is starting a mentoring program with Arroyo Valley High School
- Duck Race Kickoff is March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Waves of Worship will be Feb 27-28
- Selamawit Stephanos from Arrowhead Medical Regional Center stated they are expanding their education programs and classes on Asthma and Childhood Obesity.

- June Chandler from Early Head Start stated they still offer free early education for 0 to 3 and will come and speak to pregnant and parenting women.
- Walden Family Services is working on expanding their special health care and disability programs to train foster parents taking children from the hospitals.
- ASA Learning Center provides training for adults transitioning out of welfare and provides childcare on site in San Bernardino.

7. Next Meeting Date: **Tuesday, March 9 at 3 p.m.**  
**Department of Behavioral Health**  
**850 Foothill Blvd.,**  
**Rialto**

Respectfully Submitted,

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East Valley Collaborative Recording Secretary

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